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\$240,000 at Stake During November 2024 Match Month Campaign

By Karl Pratt, Executive Director
Hoxie - The Sheridan County Community Foundation (SCCF) is pleased to announce details regarding the annual Match Month Fundraising Campaign for November 2024.

For the 9th year, the Foundation will be participating in the 'Match Month' campaign generously sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, in which funds raised locally are matched 1:1 by the Hansen Foundation, up to \$50,000.00. These funds are then added to SCCF's large "Cultivate Sheridan County" endowment fund, which is building capacity to be able to provide grant support in the future.

This year, the Foundation is setting a minimum local fundraising goal of \$70,000.00 because, if reached, not only will these funds be matched by the Hansen Foundation's \$50k match but also by an additional \$70,000.00 in matching funds provided by the Patterson Family Foundation, Kansas City, through a new grant program administered by the Kansas Association of Community Foundations (KACF).

But wait, it gets even better! As an incentive for reaching the \$50k matching goal set by the Hansen Foundation, SCCF will be eligible for an additional bonus grant of \$50k, with \$5k dedicated to SCCF's immediate operating needs and \$45k added to SCCF's Operating Endowment Fund to support yearly budgeting needs.

All campaign funds combined equal a grand total of \$240,000.00 available to benefit Sheridan County for years to come.

Donations for the annual Match Month campaign will be accepted beginning November 1 and throughout the remainder of the month.

The Foundation invites the public to a Match Month Kick-Off event at Oscar's, 845 Main, in Hoxie, on Monday, November 4, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. SCCF staff and board members will be attending to visit with community members and donors throughout the event. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

More information about the Kick-Off event and others scheduled throughout the month is available online at www.growsheridancounty.org/events.

The SCCF Staff and Board of Directors hope you will help us reach these important fundraising goals as we continue to improve the lives of Sheridan County residents, businesses, and visitors for generations to come.

More information about the annual fundraising campaign including a link to donate online is available online at www.growsheridancounty.org/matchmonth2024.

If you have any questions related to the November Match Month Campaign, want to learn more about grant opportunities, are interested in setting up a grant/scholarship fund of your own, or want to leave a legacy gift in your estate, do not hesitate to contact Pratt at 785-677-5090, director@growsheridancounty.org, or stop by the Foundation office inside Pratt Law Office at 736 Main St, Hoxie. Appointments recommended.

About the Patterson Family Foundation

The Patterson Family Foundation is a family-led foundation extending the legacy of Neal and Jeanne Patterson. We strive to help lift up our rural communities through health care, education, economic opportunity, and beyond. The Patterson Family Foundation was established to reinvest in rural communities and cultivate values of education and hard work for current and future generations.

About the Dane G. Hansen Foundation

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation was established in 1965 with a generous estate gift from Dane G. Hansen. Mr. Hansen was an entrepreneur whose business interests over the course of his life included, among others, retail, lumber, road and bridge construction and oil.

Reflecting Mr. Hansen's lifelong love of Northwest Kansas, the charitable foundation that bears his name has a mission to improve the quality of life for the residents and the communities in the 26 counties that make up the northwest quarter of Kansas.

Based in Mr. Hansen's hometown of Logan, Kansas, the Foundation is governed by a board of seven Trustees.

Applications are received year-round, and grants are awarded monthly to benefit Northwest Kansas and its residents. In addition, the Foundation has launched a number of strategic initiatives to serve the region today and into the future.

The Foundation also has a robust scholarship program, awarding hundreds of scholarships each year, both new and renewed, totaling more than \$2.5 million. Annual grants and scholarships total in the range of \$18 to \$20 million.

SCCF is an affiliate of the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation based in Bird City. The foundation seeks to encourage, prudently manage, and distribute charitable contributions to improve the quality of life of Sheridan County residents, now and in the future. To learn more, visit www.growsheridancounty.org. Connect with SCCF at www.facebook.com/sheridancf.



K-23 Roadway Modernization Project in Sheridan County Project Description

KDOT will reconstruct approximately 6 miles of K-23 in Sheridan County. In its current condition the project has limited sight distance for passing vehicles, narrow shoulders and steep side slopes. The project will involve rebuilding the road into a 30-foot paved surface with 3-foot turf shoulders.

The work will begin at County Road 70 South (CR-406) and extend to Walnut Avenue. The bridges over Sand Creek and the South Fork Solomon River will be replaced as well.

Work will occur over multiple construction seasons, with project work happening off the roadway in 2024. In March 2025, KDOT will close the highway entirely, and a state route detour using I-70, U.S. 83 and U.S. 24 will be in effect. KDOT expects to reopen the road in late fall 2025, and the entire project is expected to be completed in early 2026.

Project Materials

Materials below are the same as those shared during the Oct. 28, 2024 Open House.

K-23 Roadway Modernization Project Fact Sheet (<https://bit.ly/4fnb2JF>)

K-23 Roadway Modernization Project Open House Flier (<https://bit.ly/3C3P6VK>)

This information can be made available in alternative languages and accessible formats upon request. Contact the KDOT Division of Communications by dialing 785-296-3585 for voice. Dial 711 for speech/hearing impaired.

Project Details

Project Name: K-23 Roadway Modernization Project in Sheridan County

Project Number: KA-6019-01

Location: Approximately 6.2 miles beginning at County Road 70 South (CR-406) and extending to Walnut Avenue

Description: Reconstruct roadway while adding pavement and shoulders. Two bridge replacements and an extended culvert.

Length: 6.2 miles

Construction Cost: Approximately \$19 million

Who to Contact:

Lisa Mussman
 Public Information Officer
 785-874-8107
Lisa.Mussman@ks.gov
Eric Oelschlager
 Area Engineer
Eric.Oelschlager@ks.gov
 785-953-6011

Red Ribbon Week at Hoxie Elementary

Friday, October 25, Sheriff Carver and Undersheriff Diercks put on a fun and informative presentation at the Hoxie Elementary School for Red Ribbon Week! For those who aren't familiar, Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign dedicated to educating young people about the dangers of drug use and encouraging healthy, drug-free lifestyles. This presentation will be at the Selden Elementary School next week.

Each year, our agency hosts a Red Ribbon Week presentation, and we use this time to talk about bullying as well. But this year, we added a little twist by bringing in a special guest: Ava the Bully! Anyone who knows Sheriff Carver knows he likes to spice things up and keep the crowd laughing. So this time, Undersheriff Diercks had no clue he'd be playing Ava or that we'd be doing a skit!

You can see the video of their skit by going to their Facebook page. Hope you enjoy!



CPR Training and First Aid Classes

Have you been wanting to learn CPR and First Aid? Sheridan County EMS offers CPR Training and First Aid Classes at our Hoxie Station. We offer many classes to the public and healthcare workers throughout the year. One of the popular classes for community members is the Heartsaver CPR/AED/First Aid class. This class will teach you how to perform CPR and operate an AED on adults, pediatrics, and infants. You will also learn basic first aid procedures for a variety of medical emergencies, some of which are allergic reactions, opioid overdoses, splinting, tourniquet applications, and diabetic emergencies. This class is \$40, and you will receive a certificate good for two years. The class lasts 6-7 hours with a lunch break in between. There is no age requirement for this class, however you must be able to perform the skills to pass. If you are just wanting to learn CPR or just First Aid that is an option as well.

For healthcare providers that need a renewal or initial BLS Provider class we do offer those.

If you would like more information or are interested in taking a class, contact us at 785-675-3364. We do provide classes for businesses that want their employees certified as well.

Sheridan County EMS is an American Heart Association (AHA) Training Center that has around 30 CPR instructors spread out within the Northwest Region. There are over 150 classes taught each year by our instructors in the region.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Viktorija Briggs

At the Tuesday, October 29 Commission Meeting, Karl Pratt, Executive Director, Sheridan County Community Foundation spoke with the Commissioners regarding the grant requested and awarded to the Sheridan County Sheriff's Office. He clarified that, currently they are awarding grants out of the SCCF / Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Funds, which have certain restrictions and policies from the DGH that were passed down to the SCCF. Karl stated that, "From their internal documents, it explains, 'Grants shall not be used to reduce or replace regular budgetary needs for programs or projects that are tax supported.'" This was the reason for the lower amount awarded to the Sheriff Department's actual grant request. The SCCF apologized that the grant's requirements and its ultimate response were not clear. There is a larger endowment fund that is being built which will eventually open up for grants. It will be a less restrictive fund but must provide support for a variety of area projects, not just one or two.

SCCF is a great asset to the community and makes possible many projects that otherwise would not be. Next month, November, is Match Month. Be sure to read the information in this issue regarding the specifics.

Thank you, Karl, for the clarification.

MATCH MONTH NOVEMBER 2024

- \$70,000 LOCAL CAMPAIGN GOAL
- + \$70,000 MATCH - Patterson Family Foundation
- + \$50,000 MATCH - Dane G. Hansen Foundation (DGH)
- + \$45,000 MATCH (DGH) for SCCF Operating Endowment Fund
- + \$ 5,000 MATCH (DGH) for SCCF Operating immediate needs

\$240,000 GRAND TOTAL

Learn more and donate online at www.growsheridancounty.org/matchmonth2024 or contact Executive Director Karl Pratt at director@growsheridancounty.org

JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS DURING MATCH MONTH

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN - NOVEMBER 1-30
 Throughout November, we will be accepting donations to help us reach our goal of raising \$70,000, which will be matched with \$100,000 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation and \$70,000 from the Patterson Family Foundation! Funds raised will be added to our "Cultivate Sheridan County" endowment fund from which grants are awarded by application.

MATCH MONTH KICK-OFF RECEPTION
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 7 A.M.-1 P.M.
 Oscar's, 845 Main, Hoxie

Join us for complimentary refreshments (breakfast and lunch) as we celebrate the beginning of the annual Match Month campaign! Feel free to drop off donations. We are paying for the first \$500 in coffee sales during the event. (Limit one FREE specialty drink per person).

SHERIDAN CO. ORGANIZATIONS FAIR
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 6-9 P.M.
 Hoxie High School, 1625 Queen Ave, Hoxie

Join us for an evening to get to know our area community "non-profit" organizations as we conduct an organizational "career fair" type event to help connect the public with organizations whose work might interest them. In turn, we hope to strengthen our area organizations by introducing them to new volunteers, potential board members, donors, and more. Registrations required.

MATCH MONTH DUETING PIANOS EVENT
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 5-10 P.M.
 Sheridan Co. 4H Building, Hoxie

Grab your friends and get ready to sing and dance the night away as we enjoy the amazing talents of Denver's COLORADO KEYS dueting pianists! Enjoy a delicious meal, music, drinks, friends, fellowship, fundraising, and more! Ticketed event: \$50 per person; registrations required.

Learn more about Match Month and donate online at www.growsheridancounty.org/matchmonth2024

Learn more and register for the upcoming events online at www.growsheridancounty.org/events

For questions, please contact 785-677-5090 or director@growsheridancounty.org.

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What beautiful Fall days we are having!! Remember to turn your clocks back Saturday evening November 2. Daylight Savings begins Sunday, November 3. On Election Day, November 5, the Jennings Lions will be serving lunch, hamburgers, and chips, at the Jennings Community Hall from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Freewill Donation appreciated. A large crowd attended festivities in Jennings Saturday evening at the Legion and the Community Hall. Many books and sacks of candy were given away by the Jennings City Library. The flag retirement at the American Legion held at 5:00pm and the hotdog roast at 6:00 pm was enjoyed by many people.



Birthdays & Anniversaries:
 October 31: Paula McKenna, Makenzie Shaw
 November 1: Jason Geisinger
 November 2: Pat Koerperich, Gloria Goscha, Jennifer Moss, Allison Benoit, Gail Smith
 November 3: Helen Carman, Mike Neff, Kyle Carman. November 5th - Kobi Koerperich
 November 6: Cade Wurm, Daniel Shriner, Dennis & Shawn Spreser

School Calendar:
 November 1: NO SCHOOL; HS State Volleyball in Emporia; HS Football Cross Bracket Game
 November 2: HS State Volleyball in Emporia; HS State Cross Country in Wamego
 November 4: HS Scholars Bowl in Rexford at 4:00pm
 On October 21, the Monday Afternoon Coffee Club met at the Community Center at 2:00pm. Those attending included Helen Carman, Elaine Koerperich, Carlene Bruggeman, JR Albers, Boyd Wilson, Sandy Koerperich, Shirley Emigh, and Marsha Rogers.

On October 17, the Selden Senior Citizens met at the Community Center for a delicious meal prepared by Gloria Goscha of the Midway Cafe and an afternoon of Pinochle. Those enjoying the day included Pat Wessel who won high, Boyd Wilson who took second, Sandy Koerperich who had the most Jacks, Bob Wessel who got low, Marge Wilson, Carlene Bruggeman, Steve Skubal, JR Albers, Betty Hickert, Shirley Emigh, Ellis Walker, and Trudy Wildeman. Congratulations to Killian and Taylor Dellere who were married this past weekend. We wish you a long and happy life together.

Submission Guidelines
 Print-ready ads and content deadline: noon Tuesday
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WPAA Presents "American Tune: Simon, Croce, & Taylor"

Sunday, November 10, at 3pm CT (2pm MT) in the Goodland High School auditorium, Western Plains Arts Association presents Thomas Glynn performing "American Tune: Simon, Croce, & Taylor".

A pianist and guitarist since the age of 10, Glynn started writing songs in his late teens and fronted a popular club band in Boston called 5-0 throughout his twenties. His heart, however, was always with great singer-songwriters like James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Shawn Colvin, and David Wilcox. "I began to focus on writing songs that were more introspective and personal to me as well as performing live as a solo acoustic artist."

Admission to this program is by WPAA season ticket or tickets can be purchased at the door. This program is made possible through the generosity of area businesses, individual donors and a grant from the Dane Hansen Foundation.

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John Athey Chapter of NSDAR
 October 23, 2024
 Hoxie - The meeting of the John Athey Chapter NSDAR began in ritualistic form led by Regent Cheryl Goetz at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at the Sheridan County Historical Society & Museum in Hoxie. The following members were present: Cheryl Goetz of Park, Willa Dalena Gawith of Dresden, Jeanette Bosch, Associate Member of Manhattan, Shirley Popp, Leona Feldt, Kay Weber and Judy Watkins all of Hoxie. Guests were Karen Lewis, and Julia Colson of the Museum.

Karen and Julia presented a program on genealogy and the many facets, both pros and cons, of collecting and preserving items. They had many handouts from their presentation. The meeting was dismissed to go to the home of Leona Feldt for the salad luncheon. The group said grace together before eating. The meeting was reconvened after the lunch and roll call was called with telling the name of your patriot and something about him.

Reports given were the following:
 President General's Message - Kay
 National Defense - Cheryl
 Indian Minute - Shirley
 American History - Judy
 Flag Fact - Cheryl
 Service of Veterans - Judy
 Constitution Minute - Shirley
 Women's Issues - Cheryl
 It was decided to donate money for Wreaths across America at Christmas time. This wreaths to put on graves of Veterans at any Veteran Cemetery. Judy also handed out our own reading list with all the books available in the Hoxie library and the NSDAR reading list.

Next meeting will be March 26, 2025, in Oakley at the 1886 Building and roll call will be a book that tells the history of the Orphan Train.

Respectfully Submitted
 Kay Weber, Secretary

Public Information Meeting

AmberMed welcomes the public to an informational meeting on the proposed Emergency Department Addition on November 12, from 12:00 - 1:00 at the Community Center on Main Street. Join us to learn more about the proposed project, why it is important for our community, as well as the current funding - opportunities & challenges. A light lunch will be provided. After a short presentation, we will be available to answer your questions, and we look forward to hearing your feedback.



Thank You -

The Family of Dan Zahn wish to thank the Sheridan County Fire Department, EMS, Sheriffs, KS State Highway Patrol, and the entire Hoxie Community for your support during our time of grief. Your kind words and caring thoughts have brought much comfort to our hearts and are greatly appreciated.

Donata Zahn & Family

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE
 IN THE
NOVEMBER 5, 2024
 GENERAL ELECTION.
 THANK YOU!
 HEATHER BRACHT, SHERIDAN COUNTY CLERK

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 Road & Bridge Dept. 785-675-3621
 Library 785-675-3102

 Pregnancy Pathways 785-657-7707

Grinnell VFW
 By the water tower
Stag/Stagette
 November 6 6-8 pm
 Serving:
 Chicken-Fried Steak, Lamb Fries,
 Gizzards & Livers, with all the sides
 Free Will Donation ~
 To-Go Boxes available
 Hope to see you there!

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 Hot Chocolate, Cider & Treats
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Paul Oelke is 100!

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Area Churches
 Christ Community Church
 2008 Sheridan Ave, Hoxie
 Hoxie Baptist Temple
 1000 Valley Ave, Hoxie
 Hoxie Christian Church
 1025 Queen, Hoxie
 Hoxie United Methodist Church
 900 12th St, Hoxie
 Immaculate Conception
 Catholic Church
 Hwy 223, Leoville
 Immanuel Lutheran Church
 1400 Locust St, Hoxie
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 The prairie dog towns will be plotted and treated.
 Thank you.

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 Mike Knaus - 785-299-0470
 Marla Knaus - 785-299-0194
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 (2 Locations Only)
Quinter: 920 Lincoln Building
October 30 ~ November 2
 Selling Hours: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Hays: The Mall-Big Creek Crossing
 2918 Vine Street
November 8 & 9
 Selling Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Area Schools ~ Athletics & Academics

HONOR ROLL

GPMS 1st Quarter Honor Roll Superintendent's Honor Roll:

Freshmen: Takoda Cline, Adilyn Meier, Brenlynn Rath, Lakin Wark, Elizabeth Weiner
Sophomores: Janessa Leija, Kailee Wessel

Principal's Honor Roll:

Seniors: Luz Aguilar, Wyatt Amlong, Miguel Luna, Maddix Green, McKinzie Horobik, Owen Patmon, Josh Rath, Lesly Rios, Dominic Stout, Abraham Taylor, Siena Vargas, Hayden Wark
Juniors: Tanner Black, Anais Cepeda, Braylee Knowles, Diego Perez, Dylan Wark, Ezekiel Weiner

Sophomores: Katie Carter, Wendy Garcia, Brielle Karnes, Conner Kier, Marisol Perez, Kadalen Unrein, Estella Vargas, Adaline Wessel

Freshmen: Owen Amlong, Searee Bruggeman, Kelby Buehler, Madison Focke, Cristian Garcia, Kaylee Kier, Briella Knowles, Benjamin Masoner, Adam Ritter, Tannor Todd, Maleea Valdez-Castel

GPMS 1st Quarter Honor Roll Superintendent's Honor Roll:

Eighth Grade: Kasch Buehler
Seventh Grade: Ruxin Arnberger, Liam Wright
Principal Honor Roll:

Eighth Grade: Estrella Arauz-Aguilar, Kaydence Cregger, Jadrien Dible, Juan Carlos Garcia Machado, Brandon Karnes, Molly Ritter, Elizabeth Romero, Koen Schaben, Parker Vahling, Nash Ziegelmeier

Seventh Grade: MaKenlea Focke, Blake Horobik, Jaxon Juennemann, Emma Kier, Genesis Rios-Mendoza, Cameron Sweigart, Makynslee Vargas

Sixth Grade: Isabel Bieker, Michael Cline, Brookelynn Vahling.



WKLL All League Volleyball Team

Below is the 2024 WKLL All League Volleyball Team, as voted on by the coaches. Congratulations to all the WKLL teams for a great season.

1st Team

Aliviah Ball, Wheatland-Grinnell, Sophomore
Emily Heier, Wheatland-Grinnell, Senior
Jocelyn Perez, Wheatland-Grinnell, Senior
Taylor McCarty, Cheylin, Sophomore
Gabi Pochop, Cheylin, Junior
Brenlynn Rath, Golden Plains, Freshmen
Jaelyn Spangler, Western Plains, Sophomore
Hayden Wark, Golden Plains, Senior

2nd Team

Natalie Bixenman, Wheatland-Grinnell, Sophomore
Abigail Cheney, Wheatland-Grinnell, Senior
Kalihan Flax, Western Plains, Senior
Tatum Lentz, Northern Valley, Senior
Ashlyn Schields, Cheylin, Sophomore
Delaney Sides, Northern Valley, Senior
Lylah Voss, Logan-Palco, Junior
Lakin Wark, Golden Plains, Freshmen
Madelynn Wright, Weskan, Senior

Honorable Mention

Breyer Delimont, Logan-Palco, Sophomore
Kara Roulier, Triplains-Brewster, Senior



Bulldogs Place at Hoxie Invitational



Golden Plains junior Zeke Weiner runs at the Hoxie Invitational Cross Country meet on October 17. Weiner finished eighth overall, fourth among juniors at this meet. (Photo by Addy Wessel)

By Luz Aguilar

The Golden Plains Cross Country team competed at the Hoxie Invitational meet on October 17.

Junior Ezekiel Weiner ran a 19:13.80 placing 8th overall and 4th among the Juniors. Dylan Wark finished with a time of 20:16.46. "I am looking forward to regionals," said Weiner. "I am going to try to improve and set a new PR."

On the girls' side, Adilyn Meir ran 22:09.69, placing 2nd overall and 1st among freshmen. Kailee Wessel ran 26:29.26 to finish fourth overall and third among the sophomores. The Bulldog's next meet will be on October 26, at Great Bend for regionals.

MS Dogs Finish Season



Defense! Golden Plains eighth graders Kasch Buehler (15), Nash Ziegelmeier (50), and Koen Schaben (20) play defense against the Logan/Palco Trojans in Logan on October 17. The Bulldogs finished their season with a 2-5 record. (Photo by Kelby Buehler)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Football team finished their season on October 17 with a 6-52 loss to Logan/Palco in Logan. "We didn't block well and got slammed in the backfield," said Kasch Buehler. "We didn't play together like we should."

The Dogs opened the season with two flag games against Cheylin and Western Plains with a win over the Bobcats. Their last five games were all tackle games. They won a close game over Northern Valley but lost the other four to Triplains/Brewster, Weskan, Grinnell/Wheatland, and Logan/Palco.

"The Northern Valley game was a fun game," said Parker Vahling. "We were able to score at the end of the game for the win. We had a strong mental state, caught the passes, and ran well."

Most of the eighth-grade boys plan to continue their football career in high school next year. "We plan to work out over the summer to get ready for high school football," added Buehler. "I am looking forward to playing with my brother (Kelby) in high school."

Koen Schaben added, "I plan to play in high school and run faster."

Nash Ziegelmeier continued, "I enjoyed playing nose guard and tackling." He, too, is looking forward to playing in high school." Parker Vahling is looking forward to playing with the other high school players while Brandon Karnes plans to run Cross Country.

MS Girls Defeat Trojans



Golden Plains seventh grader Makynslee Vargas sets the ball against Logan/Palco in Logan on October 17. (Photo by Estella Vargas)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School Volleyball team took two wins over the Logan/Palco Lady Trojans in Logan on October 17.

The A-Team girls took the court to start the games. They played tough with the serve going back and forth several times. The Dogs held for the first set win 25-22. They continued to play well as they defeated the Trojans in the second set 25-15 for the match win. "I think we did really good, and we talked well," said Ellie Romero. "We all worked as a team, and it was one of our best games."

The B-team girls played a very close set of matches with the Trojans. The Trojans slipped past the Bulldogs for a 21-25 first set win. The Bulldogs fought their way back to win the second set 26-24. The game continued to be close throughout the third set as both teams wanted the win. The Bulldogs held on to claim the match 15-11. "I think we kept a positive attitude after losing the first set," said Genesis Rios. "We didn't let the first loss get to us and never gave up."

This was the final game of the regular season. The B-team finished the year with a 3-7 record while the A-team holds a 4-6 record. The A-Team will finish their season at the WKLL league tournament in Logan on October 24. "We plan to play our hardest and our best and hopefully come home with a title," added Romero.

Agriculture Career Day



Students learn about different ag related careers during the Agriculture Career Day. (WHS photo)

By Evangeline Godek, Staff Reporter

The Junior class included Evangeline Godek, Broady Goetz, Brielle Hanna, Daniel Mason, and Jaxson Bernbeck and some seniors including, Jaden Dohm, Lehanie Swanepoel, and Leeta Gorzcyca attended an agriculture-based career day held in Scott City. Businesses were there to tell us the benefits of the career and what you can expect. They talked about what they look for in an employee. This day gave these upperclassmen an idea of what their future could look like in an agriculture career.

Jaxson Bernbeck says, "It was a good learning experience, and I learned about a lot more careers."

Reds Corn Maze



WHS gets a group shot before entering the corn maze. (WHS)

By Sherrie Rebarchek, Staff Editor

On Tuesday, October 23, the high school went on a field trip to Reds Corn Maze just south of Oakley. This was a wonderful learning experience where the kids could learn about the nutritiousness of corn and the many benefits and uses it has.

The wellness committee, Dina Heier and Kayla Goetz worked hard together to give this fun opportunity to the WHS students. With help from the FACS kids, they were able to hand out some tasty caramel apples!

Together, Mrs. Heier and Mrs. Goetz said, "It was a very fun event, and a great learning experience for the students."

Lady Bulldogs Advance to Sub-State



Golden Plains senior Hayden Wark (6) sets the ball during the Triplains/Brewster game at Regionals in Moscow on October 22. (Photo by Marisol Perez)

By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Lady Bulldogs advanced to the Sharon Spring Sub-State by placing as Regional Runner-Up in Moscow on October 22. This is the first year the state has had a regional qualification for volleyball.

The Bulldogs faced the Triplains/Brewster Lady Titans for their first game at Regionals. They quickly knocked out the Titans with a 25-7, 25-12 win.

Their second game of the tournament was against the Moscow Wildcats. The Bulldogs played a close first set falling to the Wildcats 26-28. "We kept up with them fairly well," said Siena Vargas. "They had really good ball placement and played pretty scrappy."

The Dogs kept up their energy to defeat the Wildcats 25-19 in the second set. "We had constant communication throughout the second set," said McKinzie Horobik. The third set was more of a challenge for the Bulldogs as they lost to the Wildcats 14-25. "We killed ourselves on serves," added Horobik. "We missed too many crucial serves."

The Bulldogs advance to the Sub-State Tournament in Sharon Springs on October 26. They will face the Wheatland/Grinnell Thunderhawks in the first game. "We are excited to play in sub-state," continued Vargas. "We know we can play with Wheatland and will bring our best to the tournament."

Regional Volleyball



The VolleyHawks and student section at the Regional volleyball game. (WHS photo)

By Jaden Dohm and Maggie Kindler, Staff Reporter

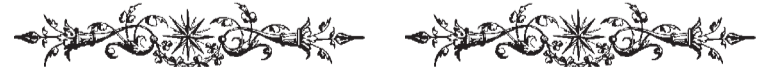
On Tuesday, October 22, the VolleyHawks played regional against Rolla and Cheylin at the hawk nest.

The Volleyhawks won against Rolla, scoring 2-0. With Sophomore Aliviah Ball having the most kills of eight, and Senior Abigail Cheney serving ten aces.

They also won their last game against Cheylin, scoring 2-0. Senior Emily Heier served five aces with sophomore Aliviah ball again scoring eight kills. The Volleyhawks fought hard, and as a team with pride they won the regional championship.

They will compete at sub state on Saturday, October 26, in Sharon Springs. The girls will go and fight hard to win, and hopefully, go compete at state.

Senior Emily Heier said, "We played really well, and it felt great to beat Cheylin in two sets."



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Kansas Economy Improves When Public Funds Invested in Kansas Banks

Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute of Public Affairs released a study that emphasizes the importance of keeping public fund deposits with local banks. "How Public Funds Investment Policy Impacts the Kansas Economy: An Analysis and Adaptation of Previous Research," by Dr. Emily Breit, shows that state and local government revenues should increase when deposits are kept in Kansas financial institutions so long as the interest rate differential is less than 3.15%. In other words, out of state investments would need to offer rates exceeding 3.15% above those of Kansas financial institutions to match the rollover effect of keeping that money local.

Dr. Breit states, "The primary advantage of placing deposits in Kansas financial institutions is that these funds are more likely to be loaned to Kansas borrowers, supporting investment projects. This, in turn, boosts the state's capital stock, economic activity, and income." This study was commissioned by the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) and the Community Bankers Association of Kansas (CBAK) and will be formally presented to a special state legislative interim committee scheduled to meet at the Kansas Statehouse on November 18 & 19, 2024.

The special interim committee is slated to consider model legislation adopted by other states creating a pooled collateral program for public funds deposits that will free up working capital for Kansas banks and to also take a deep dive into the investment policies and procedures of the State's Pooled Money Investment Board charged with investing both state idle funds and local public funds held within a state-managed municipal investment pool.

"With only one half of one percent of the nearly \$10 billion being managed by the Pooled Money Investment Board currently invested with Kansas Banks, we believe the time is right to review our state's comprehensive investment policy", states Doug Wareham, President & CEO with the Kansas Bankers Association. "We believe the investment study issued by Fort Hays State University's Docking Institute of Public Affairs provides a very compelling argument for keeping Kansas public fund dollars invested in Kansas, so those dollars are a driving force for growth of our Kansas economy."

"The Docking Institute's study highlights the significant economic benefits of investing public funds locally. By keeping these deposits in Kansas banks, we ensure that our money supports Kansas borrowers, businesses, and communities. This approach not only strengthens the state's economy but also fosters job creation and long-term growth," said Shawn Mitchell, President & CEO of the Community Bankers Association of Kansas. "We believe this research presents a powerful case for revisiting current investment policies to maximize the positive impact on Kansas' economic future."

FHSU's Docking Institute Releases 2024 Kansas Speaks Survey

By FHSU University Communications

Hays - The Docking Institute of Public Affairs recently released the annual Kansas Speaks Survey of public opinion. A panel of 645 adult residents of Kansas ages 18 and older were surveyed online to assess their attitudes and opinions regarding various issues of interest to Kansas citizens. This year's survey covered topics including quality of life, the economy, ratings of elected officials, elections integrity, use of artificial intelligence tools, and a range of public policy issues, a selection of which includes attitudes toward legalizing medical and recreational marijuana, immigration, Medicaid expansion, and gun control.

"Kansas' rating of the Kansas economy has become more positive in the past three years" said survey report co-author Jian Sun. "The percentage of Kansans rating the Kansas economy as excellent or very good increased from 16.1 percent in 2022 to 21.1 percent in 2024. The percentage of people feeling the Kansas economy is getting worse decreased from 43.7 percent in 2022 to 37.6 percent in 2024. With the declining inflation, a lower percentage of people were concerned that the Kansas economy would seriously threaten their or their family's welfare as compared with last year. However, many felt the inflation had affected 'a great deal' their family (51.2 percent) and other Kansans (59.5 percent) in the past year."

Select findings from the 2024 Kansas Speaks Survey include:

- About 73 percent support legalizing medical marijuana in Kansas (12 percent oppose), while about 61 percent support legalizing recreational marijuana (22 percent oppose)
- Support for Medicaid expansion in Kansas in 2024 continues to be at about 70 percent, and 51 percent of the respondents felt the issue was highly or extremely important as they decide who gets their vote to represent them in the Kansas Legislature, compared to 8 percent who felt the issue was not important at all
- Most agree that legal immigrants contribute to the economic vitality of Kansas (61 percent) and to their own community (59 percent), with disagreement at about 15 percent on both questions
- Regarding illegal immigration, 45 percent disagree that illegal immigrants contribute more to society than they take in terms of resources, while about 27 percent agree with the statement
- Over half agree that education beyond high school is a good return on investment for both the student (56 percent agree; 18 percent disagree) and for the general population of Kansas (55 percent agree; 13 percent disagree)
- Cost of housing was also a concern for Kansans, with almost one third (32 percent) of the respondents saying they are insecure about their housing situation.
- "We've been tracking housing issues for three years now, as housing is not just important to a family's quality of life but also to a community's ability to attract and retain a workforce," said Brett Zollinger, Docking Institute director and survey co-author. "The percentage concerned about the cost of housing in their community edged down only slightly in 2024 to 68 percent from 72 percent in 2023 and 73 percent in 2022."
- In a question about affordable childcare asked for the first time this year, strong majorities feel that access to affordable childcare strengthens the economy (79 percent agree; 3 percent disagree) and that affordable and accessible childcare is an obstacle to women's economic participation (68 percent agree; 12 percent disagree).

A complete copy of 2024 Kansas Speaks Survey results, as well as results from previous years, can be found at <https://www.fhsu.edu/docking/Kansas-Speaks/>.

Two political scientists from other Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) universities collaborated with Docking Institute staff on this year's survey, Alexandra Middlewood from Wichita State University and Michael Smith of Emporia State University.

The two policy fellows worked closely with Docking Institute researchers in establishing survey content and on methodological decisions. Smith led on survey content related to election security, diversity in representation of elected officials, care for the elderly, and abortion attitudes/policy questions. Middlewood led in developing content that focused on childcare, immigration, water conservation, and reasons for gun ownership and political ideology questions.

About the Docking Institute of Public Affairs

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KDOT Requesting Comments on STIP Amendment

The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) requests comments on an amendment to the FFY 2025-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) document.

The STIP is a project specific publication that lists all KDOT administered projects, regardless of funding source, and includes projects for counties and cities as well as projects on the State Highway System. The list of projects being amended to the STIP can be viewed at <http://www.ksdot.org/bureaus/burProgProjMgmt/stip/stip.asp>.

The approval of the STIP amendment requires a public comment period, which concludes Nov. 7. To make comments on the amendment, contact KDOT's Division of Program and Project Management at (785) 296-3254.

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Musk Thistle Control in the Fall

By **Karlie Rumbeck**, Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent, K-State Research and Extension, Twin Creeks District

Musk thistle (*Carduus nutans*) is one of 12 noxious weeds in Kansas, infesting over 420,000 acres. Musk thistle has been reported in nearly every county in Kansas and is found primarily in pastures, rangeland, hay meadows, alfalfa, fallow, roadsides, and waste areas. Under the new Noxious Weed Law (March 2021), musk thistle is considered a Category C weed. That means musk thistle is well established within the state and has an extensive population.

Control efforts should be aimed at reducing or eliminating new populations, and established stands should be managed with any accepted control method. Accepted control methods include mechanical, chemical, and biological approaches. Mechanical control involves removing the entire plant or just the reproductive parts to prevent the plants from producing flowers/seeds. Mowing, digging, and hoeing are common mechanical methods of controlling musk thistle. Several herbicides are labeled for musk thistle control and are discussed below. Biological control requires a permit and needs to be integrated with other methods. Head and crown weevils are found in the state but cannot be transported across state lines. A flower fly (*Cheilosia corydon*) is a new candidate species for biological control of musk thistle.

Musk thistle is primarily a biennial or winter annual species. Biennials take two growing seasons to complete their life cycle. Thistles germinating in the spring will spend the entire summer as a rosette, live through the winter, and bolt the next year in May and June. Winter annual plants will germinate with moisture and warm temperatures in the fall, live through the winter, and bolt the following year.

Most people recognize musk thistle during the early summer when the plants are actively blooming. However, musk thistle control is easiest as a rosette.

Fall is an excellent time to spray musk thistle as all are in the rosette growth stage. Another advantage of treatment in the fall is reduced risk of off-target drift. Waiting until most deciduous trees have lost their leaves and most crops are harvested will greatly reduce the likelihood of damage from herbicide drift. A wider window of opportunity for treating musk thistle also exists in the fall. The spraying window in the fall probably extends until the ground is frozen, and the musk thistle plants have shut down activity until warmer temperatures in the spring. Freezing temperatures will start to damage musk thistle plants, with some yellowing and curling of leaves. However, the plants are susceptible to herbicides as long as green tissue exists.

Dry conditions in the fall can reduce control of musk thistle with certain herbicides. Still, studies in Kansas indicated that a fall application of 2,4-D LVE at 2 lbs per acre was more effective (80% control) than a similar rate of 2,4-D amine (49% control). Dicamba + 2,4-D amine at 0.25 + 0.75 lbs per acre and picloram at 0.125 lbs per acre were also effective (~90% control) on musk thistle treated in the fall. Other herbicides that have proven effective include 3-5 fl oz/acre aminopyralid (Milestone) and aminopyralid + metsulfuron (Chaparral at 1.5 oz/acre). Products containing picloram and aminopyralid will not only control rosettes treated in the fall but will have enough carryover to control emerging seedlings the following spring.

If you need to treat musk thistle this fall, select the proper herbicide. If possible, select a warm, sunny day to spray. Scattered rosettes can be mechanically removed by digging below the crown.

USDA Announces Early Release of Select Commodity Tables

Washington, D.C. - On November 7, 2024, at 3 p.m. EST, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will release selected tables from the upcoming USDA Agricultural Projections to 2034 report prepared in support of the President's annual budget process as defined in the Budget Control Act. These tables will include 10-year projections for major U.S. crops and livestock products and will be followed in February 2025 by USDA's Agricultural Projections to 2034 report that will include a full discussion of the commodity supply and use projections and projections for farm income and global commodity trade.

These projections, commonly referred to as the "USDA Baseline," assume that current laws affecting federal spending and revenues remain in place throughout the projection period and do not attempt to predict global policy or political outcomes, abnormal weather events, or other external shocks that could affect market outcomes. Instead, they reflect USDA's assessment of how markets would evolve under current conditions, existing laws, and normal weather patterns. Rather than serving as a prediction of the future, they are intended to serve as a neutral benchmark for measuring the effects of proposed legislation or external developments that could have enduring effects on agricultural markets.

These projections use the October 11, 2024, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report as the starting point and macroeconomic forecasts developed in August 2024.

The data will be simultaneously posted in MS Excel tables to the Office of the Chief Economist's (OCE) website and will be uploaded to the Economic Research Service's (ERS) Baseline database at USDA ERS - Agricultural Baseline Database.

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Kansas Crop Progress and Condition

Manhattan - For the week ending October 27, 2024, there were 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Topsoil moisture supplies rated 34% very short, 44% short, 22% adequate, and 0% surplus.

Subsoil moisture supplies rated 30% very short, 48% short, 22% adequate, and 0% surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 6% very poor, 14% poor, 42% fair, 33% good, and 5% excellent. Winter wheat planted was 87%, near 89% last year and 88% for the five-year average. Emerged was 63%, near 66% last year, and equal to average.

Corn harvested was 89%, near 87% last year, and ahead of 84% average.

Soybeans harvested was 84%, ahead of 77% last year and 70% average.

Sorghum mature was 96%, near 95% both last year and average. Harvested was 67%, near 66% last year, and ahead of 62% average.

Cotton condition rated 5% very poor, 17% poor, 35% fair, 37% good, and 6% excellent. Cotton harvested was 44%, ahead of 34% last year, and well ahead of 22% average.

Sunflowers harvested was 67%, behind 73% last year, but ahead of 58% average.

Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 16% very poor, 30% poor, 37% fair, 16% good, and 1% excellent.

Kansas Cattle on Feed Down 5%

Manhattan - Kansas feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.37 million cattle on feed on October 1, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This inventory was down 5% from last year.

Placements during September totaled 505,000 head, unchanged from 2023.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of September totaled 405,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Other disappearance during September totaled 10,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Farm Progress Show 2024 Highlights Innovations and Sustainability Efforts

Boone, IA - The 2024 Farm Progress Show wrapped up another successful year this August, inspiring thousands of attendees with the latest innovations in agriculture. This year's show continued to focus on sustainability, both in the technologies showcased and in the operations of the event itself. A diverse range of cutting-edge solutions, from AI-powered crop intelligence to regenerative agriculture practices, were showcased to help producers become more efficient, profitable and conscientious in their farming operations.

The educational programming on The Main Stage, located in the Hospitality Tent, focused heavily on responsible usage of natural resources. Sponsored sessions covered a variety of key topics including practical solutions for soil health and conservation, as well as how to secure the future of farmland through careful succession planning. Attendees also had the opportunity to engage in high-level discussions during a congressional round table and hear from officials like Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, who explored how policies such as the Farm Bill will impact the industry's future.

Exhibitors showcased innovative products at this year's show. The displays included fuel-efficient and soil compaction-reducing combine models, an autonomous grain cart, solar-powered filling stations and electric trucks. Beyond traditional farm equipment, digital direct-to-consumer marketing opportunities and federally recognized prairie conservation programs were featured, rounding out the wide array of resource-efficient products and methods available to farmers.

In addition to highlighting progressive farming practices, the 2024 Farm Progress Show made significant strides in reducing its environmental footprint. A key initiative included placing water refill stations throughout the grounds, saving more than 17,000 water bottles over the three-day show. To complement these stations,

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Taiwan Agricultural Youth Exchange Program Accepting Applications

Manhattan - The 2025 Taiwan Agricultural Youth Exchange Program is currently accepting applications from Kansas State University undergraduate students who are interested in agriculture and would like to represent Kansas in a week-long international exchange program in Taiwan from August 8-16, 2025.

Up to six K-State undergraduate students will be selected to tour agricultural facilities and businesses in Taiwan to learn more about Taiwanese agriculture and culture. Dr. Dan Moser, Associate Dean of Academic Programs, announced the College of Agriculture will award a \$1,000 scholarship to each student selected to participate in the program. Moser stated, "this is a tremendous opportunity for K-State students to experience agriculture on a global level. We are thrilled to support the exchange program and award scholarships to the students participating in the program."

"The trip to Taiwan was fascinating," said Corley Becker, a past participant of the exchange program. "Taiwan is a very diverse agricultural country with farmers that strive for success and sustainability. It was very interesting to learn about their farming and business practices. This experience was once in a lifetime, and I was so glad that I was able to visit."

Beginning in the fall of 2023, a bilateral exchange program was established between Kansas State University and National Chung Hsing University. The program is coordinated by the Kansas Department of Agriculture with the support of Kansas State University's College of Agriculture and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver.

Exports play an important role in Kansas agriculture. In 2023, Kansas exported \$193 million in agricultural products to Taiwan making it the state's sixth-largest trading partner.

"When the K-State students travel to Taiwan in August, they will return with a better understanding of international agriculture and the role that exports play in their local communities," said Suzanne Ryan-Numrich, KDA international trade director. "International travel broadens your horizons and will build your confidence to try new things - ultimately, you'll become more open-minded. It is my hope that every student that has an interest in the program will apply."

Students from NCHU will travel to Kansas during the spring semester. "When the K-State students host the Taiwan students, they will share experiences that will pave the way for the future," said Ryan-Numrich. "We have partners that believe in the agricultural exchange program and have worked hard to continue the relationship between the universities. We look forward to hosting students from Taiwan to showcase agriculture in Kansas."

To be eligible to apply, students must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student in good standing at K-State with a strong agricultural background and a valid U.S. passport and must be able to pay for some of the airfare costs and meals (approximately \$1,500).

Find specific application requirements on the KDA website: agriculture.ks.gov/AgEd. The application deadline is November 15, 2024. For additional information, contact Dana Ladner, KDA outreach and education program manager, at 785-564-6660 or FutureofAg@ks.gov.

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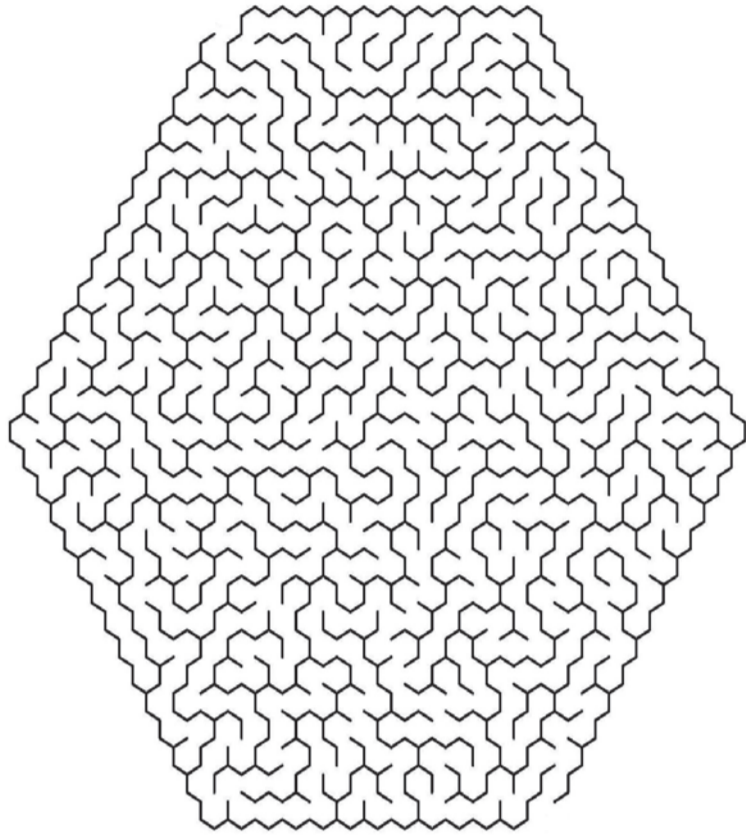
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: A DOUBLE BOGEY IN GOLF

All the map Eggs easy Get with Moon Miami
All with End end Go big Not yet
Come here Fried easy Hand fist Voice IP
Do again Get it Head heels

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



5. Those is different. 6. Pillow is different. 7. Curtain is white. 8. Drawer is missing.

Puzzles4Kids by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

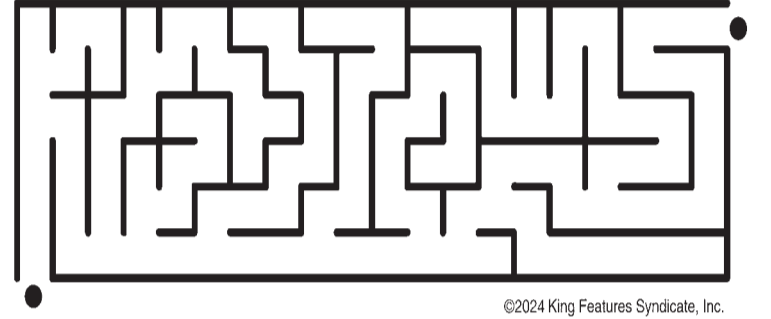
Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
XIBU EP ZPV DBMM WBMFOUJOF'T

EBZ JO B GJTI UBOL ?

HVQQZ MPWF.

Kids' Maze



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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Q equals F

SPG MY LTD OKLPTRZLE
TBSTGE EKKO XY MDZRJ
LYQQKK TX SYDJ? HKLTAEK
ZX'E HDKTJ QBZM!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the page.

Place
SNEERE
Meld
LEMING
Sare
TRAINE
Block
HERDIN

TODAY'S WORD

"You never used to take me here before we were _____."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

4			1			2		
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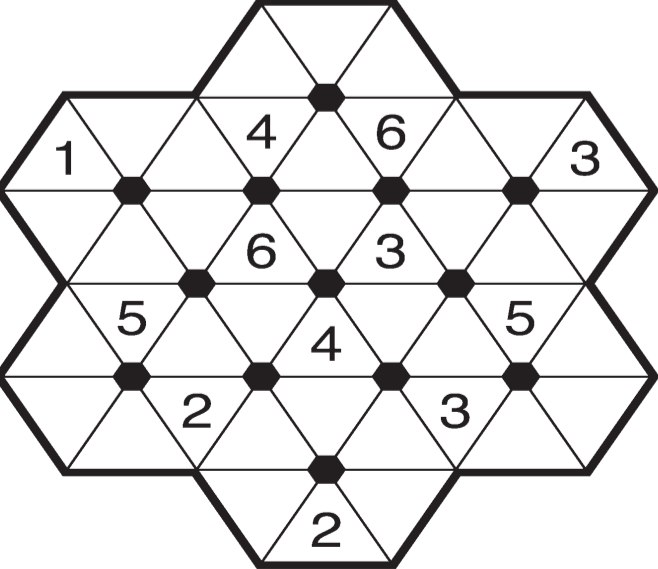
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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Super Crossword ARE NOT!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Rigs out
 - 7 Beer holder
 - 10 IRS worker
 - 13 Not passive
 - 19 India's largest city
 - 20 Made embarrassed
 - 22 Jumped ship
 - 23 Affixing, as gift wrap
 - 24 Marionette doing some undercover police work?
 - 26 Billy of "The Phantom"
 - 28 London botanic gardens site
 - 29 Fine distinction
 - 30 YouTube upload on how to cook clams and rice?
 - 36 Use a beam on in surgery
 - 37 "La Cage — Folles"
 - 38 Of Peruvian peaks
 - 39 Pickle option
 - 41 Buddha statue, e.g.
 - 45 Elated
 - 47 Lodgings for wayfarers
 - 48 Schnozz or Motor ender
 - 49 MGM Grand, e.g.
 - 51 "Scarface" inspirer
 - 54 Discoloration on the biceps or triceps?
 - 56 Meshwork
 - 57 Razor cut
 - 59 Closet
 - 60 Journal
 - 61 Fashion designer
 - 62 Ionizable gas
 - 63 Vast period
 - 64 It may zoom
 - 65 Simply being declared?
 - 70 Gradually stop nursing
 - 72 Back rub response
 - 73 Paper unit
 - 74 TV camera movement
 - 75 CIO partner
 - 76 "Make — what you will"
 - 78 Hobbyists' buys
 - 79 When to call it a night
 - 83 Deluge's waters
 - 86 Successfully mimics
 - 87 Struck lightly
 - 88 Chapel vow
 - 89 Go by boat
 - 91 Convent residents
 - 92 Eyelid affliction
 - 93 Make slanted
 - 94 Italian public square
 - 97 Scrabble 10-pointer
 - 98 Staff symbol
 - 101 One of the Little Rascals goes on a rant?
 - 104 Many a charger for an e-device
 - 108 Feed on
 - 109 Peaceful
 - 110 Beef cut that brings misfortune?
 - 114 Marked with bands
 - 118 Hand out cards to
 - 119 Object of fear
 - 120 Is beaming
 - 121 Former British prime minister
 - 122 Detroit-to-Miami dir.
 - 123 "Send help!"
 - 124 Like the letter R in this puzzle's solution
- DOWN**
- 1 Triage pro
 - 2 In the function of
 - 3 Ball caller
 - 4 Spanish island known for its nightlife
 - 5 Country west of Colombia
 - 6 Record one's arrival
 - 7 Fez, for one
 - 8 — Dhabi
 - 9 Spill catchers
 - 10 Berated
 - 11 Kitty cat, e.g.
 - 12 Hoo-has
 - 13 Addis —, Ethiopia
 - 14 Puts in a role
 - 15 Golf ball brand
 - 16 Tennis great Nastase
 - 17 A/C opening
 - 18 Uptight
 - 21 Hotfooted it
 - 25 Of no value
 - 27 Last section
 - 30 "Cosmos" host Carl
 - 31 Veil fabric
 - 32 Dead-on
 - 33 Trait carrier
 - 34 U-Haul unit
 - 35 Adds lube to
 - 40 Sugar in milk
 - 42 Gave a ring
 - 43 Leek relative
 - 44 Years (for)
 - 46 Nissan, once
 - 49 Middle grade
 - 50 Biblical beast
 - 52 12-time papal name
 - 53 Tending to the situation
 - 54 Relatively small oinker, for short
 - 55 Dryer debris
 - 57 "Steve Jobs" star
 - 58 Whole bunch
 - 62 Really tidy type
 - 63 Roe, e.g.
 - 64 Pre-Easter
 - 65 Shoddy car
 - 66 Earth personified as a goddess
 - 67 Rebel Turner
 - 68 Mimics
 - 69 Wee bits
 - 70 Floats in the air
 - 71 D sharp sound-alike
 - 76 Lyric verse
 - 77 "Skip ahead" abbr. on a music player
 - 78 Result of education
 - 79 Novelist Honoré de —
 - 80 Tokyo-based truck maker
 - 81 French artist Edouard
 - 82 Letters with curves
 - 84 Audition not closed to anyone
 - 85 Brain product
 - 86 Cabaret singer Edith
 - 89 Jacuzzi and whirlpools
 - 90 Wheel poorly
 - 93 — confidence
 - 95 Gabor who lived to be 99
 - 96 Confidence
 - 99 "Little Men" actor Jack
 - 100 Loin cut
 - 102 FDR's Scottie
 - 103 Some hotels and old cars
 - 104 Fed. food safety org.
 - 105 Dele undoer
 - 106 Really tired
 - 107 Flows back
 - 111 Its cap. is Vienna
 - 112 Dove noise
 - 113 Boxing stats
 - 115 Malted quaff
 - 116 Diver's goal
 - 117 NYC hrs.

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